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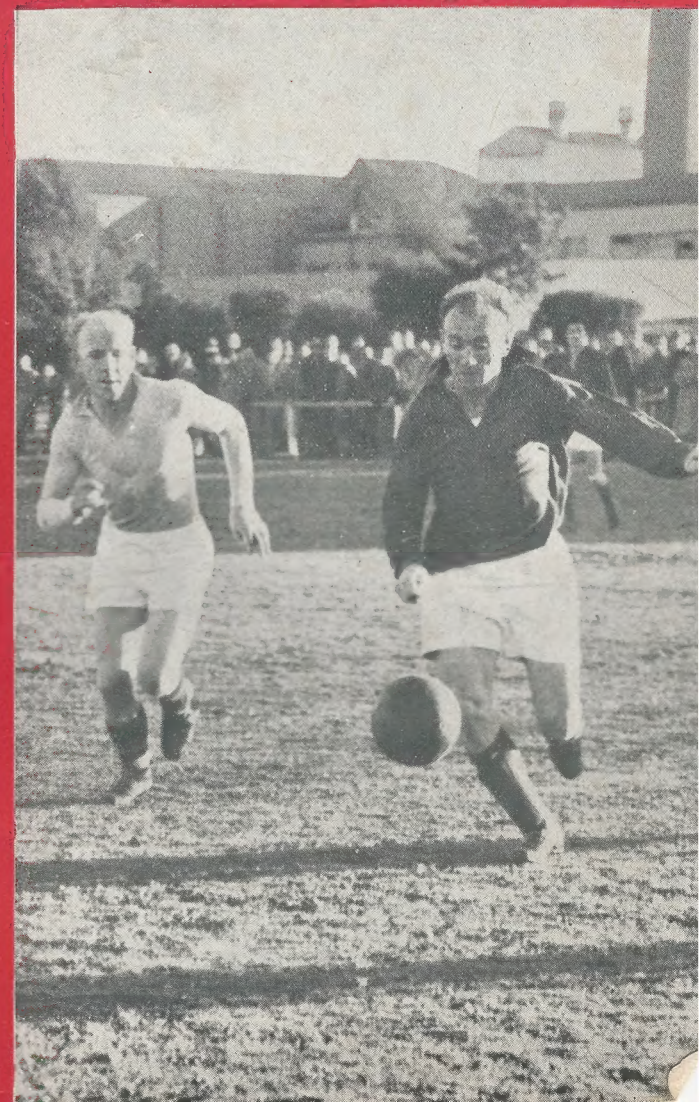

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THE GROUND QUESTION

By MURRAY MASTERTON (of the "Sun")

The Soccer Association at last appears to be getting a ground — and a good one.

There was little concealment of delight in members of the Council on Monday night when Mr. Bill Day, Secretary of the Olympic Park Trustees, told them about the main oval at the Park.

Smiles shot from ear to ear when Mr. Day said the ground would hold 39,000 people, and went even further — if possible — when he suggested that play might be possible at the beginning of next season.

If the Council considers that it was bad luck which lost them their ground earlier this season, and consequently reduced them to a serious financial position, they must realise that it is little more than luck which is giving them such a first-class ground next season.

It is purely good fortune that the main oval on Olympic Park is far too small for Rules to be played. It was openly spoken of before the plans for the park were generally known that the Richmond Football Club, which will be robbed of its present ground by railway expansion, would more than likely get the new oval at Olympic Park.

This seemed even more certain when the composition of the management committee for the park suddenly changed a few weeks ago. Soccer can count itself particularly lucky that the main arena was chosen as a joint athletics and field sport site, and that it was large enough for a soccer field.

And the Rules people, the Richmond Club in particular, can count themselves particularly unlucky that the ground is too small for them. Even the general purposes oval, with far less accommodation, either in the stand or on the banks, is too small for Rules. It is 15 feet less across than Melbourne's smallest League ground, Hawthorn.

What of the soccer oval itself?

According to Mr. Day the pitch will be 114 yards by 75, but there will be a small area in one goalmouth which will have to be turfed before the soccer season begins. It is the end of the jumping run.

The stand, a cantilever-roofed multi-storeyed affair, will seat 2380 people, with ample accommodation for V.I.P's, press, and other officials, spacious and numerous dressing-rooms, showers, and other facilities. It may even be of interest that there are two bars planned.

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Our Cover

CAROL ROUBEL (J.U.S.T.) hotly pursued by BOB WEYMESS (Moreland) in the J.U.S.T.-Moreland game. Both players have represented Victora.

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SPECIAL EDITION OF "SOCCER NEWS" FEATURING

LEN YOUNG'S VICTORIAN COLTS

EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News must reach The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

The upsets in the First and Second Divisions last week have caused changes, which could be lasting, for Moreland's 5-3 defeat of Hakoah has dropped the Jewish team below J.U.S.T., who trounced Brighton by 3-0. Although this makes no difference to Moreland's position on the table it brings the Campbell Reserve team within one point of Footscray City, who rather unexpectedly lost to Prahran by the only goal. The latter team now have a comfortable three-point lead over Box Hill, who lost to Polonia. The "hill-men" look like accompanying South Yarra to the Second Division at season's end. Two of the oldest clubs in the Association, Box Hill and South Yarra will be sadly missed if they drop to the minor division.

Second Division leaders, George Cross, played a goalless draw with Yallourn, who began to look like returning to the First Division next year, with the Maltese team. Sunshine City, who led Second Division for the first ten games, lost two valuable points to Maccabi. At this late stage of the competition two points can mean an awful lot.

Third Division leaders, Slavia, had another win; this time over Moorabbin City, and look set for promotion to Second Division next year, though Hellenic and the Navy are chasing them hard.

Dutch team, Wilhelmina, inflicted the first defeat of the season on Fourth Division leaders, Maribyrnong, and by five goals to two, which makes a big difference to the latter team's previous astounding goal average of 39 for to six against.

The Sunday International games brought a surprise with Australia's decisive defeat of Scotland by three goals to nil at Toorak Park. All right, all right, I know they beat them last year too, but these Scots reckon they're pretty good.

In the other game Italy defeated England by 2-1. The games were well supported and a most pleasing feature of the afternoon was the running of Winsome Cripps, Marlene Middlemiss and their four friends. The item was to raise funds for the two girls for their trip to the Empire Games in Vancouver. The girls hoped to raise at least £20 from a collection and were most agreeably surprised to receive in the vicinity of £100 towards their fund. Soccer fans will join with "Soccer News" in wishing these two lasses every success in Canada.

The Technical Schools' competition this year includes teams from 12 schools and the standard has improved considerably since the V.A.S.F.A. first gave assistance three seasons ago. Divided into two sections the leaders are Footscray Tech. and Caulfield Tech., with Preston Tech. and Oakleigh Tech. close behind. Both the leaders are fine teams and of the two the Footscray side play the fastest football, particularly on the forward line. V.A.S.F.A. coach, Len Young, is particularly impressed with both these sides. We hear the old cry from clubs that they don't know where to go for junior players. The Footscray Tech. team has only two boys playing with clubs, yet it is a particularly fine young side. Come on, Footscray City. What's wrong with you blokes? Not a junior team to your name, and all this talent going to waste. The same applies at Caulfield Tech. One or two boys from clubs, the balance doing nothing on Saturdays. Surely there is a go ahead club somewhere which wants crackerjack juniors. Well, you know where to get them now!

ARE WE PROGRESSING BACKWARDS

By "JOCK" PARKER

Are we at the crossroads in the progressing of the code in Victoria? I am of the opinion that we are.

The standard of soccer in my opinion is nothing like the standard of soccer between the 20's and 30's.

I have a poor opinion of the standard of the British senior footballer in Victoria today.

The Continental players are streets ahead of the British players because they are faster to the ball and use their heads.

The management of the game has also, in my opinion, slipped to zero — and that is bad for progress.

The Junior Association is not progressing any simply because the majority of clubs are not interested in junior football, and very few fans are prepared to take any interest in boys — they prefer to see the best match of the day or follow their first team. So I have often wondered whether all the time we have put into juniors has been wasted time.

Apparently some members of the Council think that because they have brought out a coach the juniors should be satisfied to stop and play in their own back yards without having to play outside their State. What an incentive for players or officials.

Regarding finance when I brought in the World Cup. Thanks to Mr. Laidlaw I brought in for to give financial security to junior football whether I was connected with junior football or not didn't matter, because I had experience years ago of not being able to do things for schools and juniors because of lack of finance.

Therefore, I for one have been disappointed with the Council and senior clubs in taking the pennies of the juniors to help themselves.

For the game to make any real progress in the next five years in my opinion we must do the following:—

1. No new clubs in the metropolitan area for the next five years.
2. A State League of 30 clubs of three divisions of 10 clubs.
3. No club to be given permission to run three senior teams.
4. All players to be signed for 12 months.
5. No transfers to be given on or before July 1.
6. Transfer fee to be £5.
7. All players must be signed 14 days for a club before he could play in a Dockerty Cup fixture.
8. Council meetings could be held every fortnight instead of every week. There is plenty for the Executive Council to do between meetings.

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EXTRACT FROM "SPORTING GLOBE":
"MAGPIES JUST GET HOME: HECTIC FINISH"

Must have been quite a game! We understand that a feature was the high marking of Zivic and the heading of Twomey.

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POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

"ARGUS" AWARD

Congratulations to the "Argus" for offering a trophy to the fairest and best player of the season. This progressive newspaper has given soccer a fair portion of space in the sporting section, these articles have not always pleased all the soccer public, but that is the right of a newspaper to print what they believe is the truth. Not even in New South Wales has a similar offer been made by one of the newsapers. The referees who have accepted the responsibility of choosing the fairest and best each week deserve thanks also for their part.

MORELAND'S REVIVAL

Moreland, who featured in last week's "Soccer News", must have been inspired by the article as they provided one of the surprises of the season by defeating Hakoah 5-3. Although the match did not provide a classic exhibition of soccer it shows what eleven fit and determined players can do against a team, which on paper, appears to be one of the best in the League. It would not be surprising if Moreland start a string of victories now that they have regained that spirit in their game which has been lacking all season. I believe they are training as hard as any team in the League and providing they can defeat J.U.S.T. in the next round of the Dockerty Cup they might get through to the final.

TOORAK PARK

It was a grand afternoon's entertainment at Toorak Park last Sunday. Firstly, there was the spectacle of Australia once again lowering the colours of Scotland in the World Cup series. Kevin ("Corner Kicks") Nott started the scoring with a well taken goal; even then the large crowd expected the Scots to swamp the opposition, but it wasn't to be as the Australians ran out worthy winners. The next item of interest was the exhibition run by Winsome Cripps, Marlene Middlemiss and others. Winsome seemed to dwell on the mark, but was in front within thirty or forty yards and went on to win comfortably. It's a sobering thought but I wonder how many of the players could have beaten the girls over seventy-five yards? I think you would have been surprised that it was so few.

In the second match of the afternoon it looked as though another surprise could eventuate as England battled hard against Italy. A well-taken goal in the closing minutes settled the issue. The Italian team without their usual centre-half, Vivoli, had Bassi in the pivot position, who showed some of his old-time form in defending strongly.

The Ground Question — Continued

There seems only one thing lacking, and that is a crowd to fill the ground. It would be a great pity to see the Olympic Games soccer played on such a ground with only a handful of semi-enthusiastic spectators.

I do not doubt that most of the crowd which follows soccer at present, although far more club-minded than soccer-minded, would turn out to see the world's best amateur teams in action, but that would not be nearly enough. A far wider interest has got to be created.

A lot of money is being spent on Olympic Park — something like £350,000 — and the organising committee is going to want something back. No one can blame them if they expect a lot of it from soccer, which in the long run will gain the greatest benefit from the new ground.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

BRIGHTON ALL AT SEA

J.U.S.T. came right back into the Championship Stakes with their easy win over Brighton, and coupled with the shock defeat of Hakoah, extra interest is added to the game with Juventus.

Referee Curran had an easy match to handle, but the least worked man on the field was Nickolic. McKenzie fired in the only shot from Brighton worthy of the name, and the upright kept the ball out with Nickolic beaten. The tall 'keeper will not be able to wander so frequently outside the penalty area against Juventus, but last Saturday he was able to do so with impunity.

Some of the Brighton clearances were careless efforts, and on at least two occasions hefty kicks from the full-back struck another Brighton player a few yards ahead, rebounded back, and put the opposition right through. How dangerous that would have been in the penalty area.

One spectator voiced disapproval of the deliberate handling that went on to prevent a pass reaching an unmarked player. Actually on top of the inevitable free-kick, the persistent offender runs the strong risk of being sent off after a warning.

The crowd was not up to expectations for such a mild day, and Brighton are losing their supporters. Further flights of fantasy by the team selectors will make even the faithful fans that remain, disheartened.

Vidovic played an unselfish game at centre-forward for J.U.S.T.. He seems to be able to serve his side in any position, despite letting fly with several of his "specials" when well outside the "box". His first goal was an overhead fluke, and Gravell, only a few feet out from the goal line, had to bend back and watch the ball float in under the bar. It looked so deceptively easy.

The Brighton forwards still persisted in passing back to the wing-halves instead of making tracks for goal. Zivic did not believe in such tactics, and was always a danger. I made him the best and fairest on the field, closely followed by Vidovic.

THIS BEATS ME

Under the heading of "This takes beating", Frank McIver writes of the Morwell 'keeper, Harry Van Kurlan, kicking a ball from his own goal which was saved by the 'keeper at the other end. Almost two years ago John Slade, playing for Preston Under 17, cleared his goal and scored at the other end, his kick beating the visiting Charlestown (N.S.W.) 'keeper.

[It is on record that this occurred in a First Division game in England many years ago also.—Ed.]

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Alan Gravell made a re-appearance in First Division soccer when keeping for Brighton. Less than four years ago a report in "Soccer News" records him as heading a goal for University against Juventus that drew

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the match. What a disparity now between those two former Second Division sides.

SUGGESTED NEW RULE

There is a rule that many defenders would like to see introduced and that is the abolition of playing a man on-side. It is argued that if a player is in an off-side position when the ball is played out to him by a team-mate, he should be penalised immediately and not given a clear run if the ball should touch an opponent's shirt on the way.

FAIR WEAR AND TEAR!

Last week's cover page picture of the Moreland quartet shows Weymess bending over to tether a bootlace, and thus exposing a lovely head of skin near the front.

The tale is told in England of a player of a struggling Third Division club due to be signed up at the end of the match for a large fee by a big club. The team manager came in immediately the players reached the dressing-room, rubbed his hand over the player's boot, and then over his head to cover a thinning spot before the visitor arrived. Knowing Weymess's capabilities as a player, however, it only goes to show that streamlining can be an asset.

CUT-THROAT

Now that 20 per cent. of all clubs in the first three divisions say "au revoir, if not goodbye" at the end of each season, a percentage that is much too high, there seems two alternatives only open to clubs when the season starts. The first is to strengthen the team at all costs with ready mades, in order to hold one's own. The second is to take a chance with one's own material and reserves, and risk the drop down in order to rebuild.

If one club only had to go there would be less grabbing, and more home production.

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COUNCIL JOTTINGS

By CHARLES DODD

TOURISTS

The New Zealand teams arrives in Victoria on Monday, August 9. Soccer supporters, you are in for a couple of games not to be missed.

On Wednesday, August 11, the Victorian team will be matched against the "Kiwis" at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, providing the use of same can be obtained from the sportsmen concerned.

The Australian Test Team will meet the New Zealanders on the Saturday following, August 14, and it is hoped that negotiations for the use of the Showgrounds for this game will be successful. It appears that we shall be fortunate in this respect for Mr. Sartori has already stated that he will be happy to co-operate. We hope to make a definite announcement regarding grounds in our next issue.

Mr. Hamilton was appointed team manager for the New Zealanders tour in Victoria. He has only to thank himself for getting this job. The efficiency with which he handled his duties as assistant team manager in Adelaide proved his capabilities in this regard.

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V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

A special meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, July 26, 1954, in the "Collins Room" (3rd Floor), Federal Hotel, corner Collins and King Streets, at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

BUSINESS: 1.—To discuss proposed constitution.

2.—Election of one (1) member to the State Selection Committee. Nomination to be forwarded to the Secretary of the V.A.S.F.A. not later than Friday, July 16, 1954.

Each club is entitled to be represented by two (2) delegates who have full voting powers.

I.C.I. SOCCER CLUB.—All clubs please note! Mr. J. R. Wilding, 2 Killara Street, Sunshine, W.20, has been re-appointed Secretary.

GEELONG SOCCER CLUB.—All clubs note! New Geelong ground is near the corner of Separation Street and Thompson Street, Geelong.

CROATIA SOCCER CLUB.—All clubs please be advised ! The correct addresses of club officials are: Secretary, T. Duracovak, 7 Leeds Street, Footscray, telephone MW 5396; President, F. Mamic, 14 Charly Street, Ascot Vale, telephone FU 2501.

UNIVERSITY SOCCER CLUB.—Dates available for matches to be played on the University Oval are as follows: July 3, 10, 24, 31; August 14, 28. On all other dates matches will be played on Pinces Park No. 5 ground. Fourth Division and Fourth Division Reserve Clubs please take particular note of above alterations.

VICTORIAN COLTS TEAM.—All Fourth Division Clubs note! The Victorian Colts team has registered its colours as Red Shirts with White V and, as an alternative, Striped Blue Shirts with White V.

LEAGUE TABLES.—Complaints have been received that the League Tables in "Soccer News" do not include all results. As the tables are computed on the Saturday as results are received on the telephone, it should be understood that clubs failing to send in their score promptly must accept full responsibility.

DONATION TO BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES FUND, 1954.—The sum of £105 was collected at Toorak Park last Sunday. On behalf of the Victorian Women's Amateur Athletic Association we desire to thank all followers of our sport for subscribing so generously.

—S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A., 737 Malvern Rd., Toorak, S.E.2.

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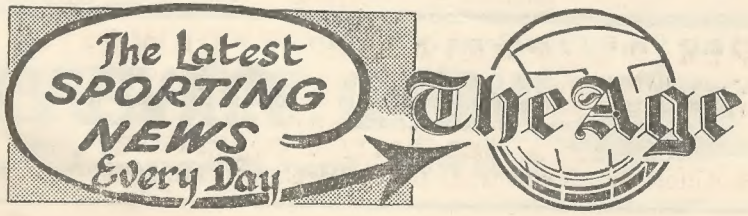
PROMOTION TO FIRST DIVISION?

The George Cross-Yallourn match, as expected, provided a dour struggle, a draw being a good result. These teams again meet next week in the third round of the Dockerty Cup; this time at Yallourn. A loss to either side would not be tragic as they could then concentrate on the League programme and so ensure promotion to the First Division.

IMPORTANT MATCH

A record crowd should watch the Juventus-J.U.S.T. match today; both teams have a large following and inevitably provide a game to thrill the spectators. A win to the Italians must surely assure them of yet another League championship. J.U.S.T's tall goalkeeper, Nikolic, might prove to be a stumbling block, as he is in rare form at the moment.



CORNER KICKS

By KEVIN LOTT

SPORTS?

Heard a rumour that there is a possibility of Hakoah retaining its ground until the end of the season.

It would be a nice gesture on the part of the college, and also show us they are sportsmen, if this is correct.

HIC! HIC! HOORAY!

Barring certain prophecies in which he has proved correct — or nearly — a friend of mine writes of "Spirit and Sting".

Never use them myself — but I am sure a drop of "punch" would have been welcome after the victory Aussie had over his countrymen on Sunday.

Thanks for the publicity, mate!

VERSATILE

Saw Ross McKenzie play for Brighton Reserves on Saturday, then strip for the Firsts when it was found they had two players out with injuries.

Also Scott, who was replaced by Gravell in goal, turn out and play full-back.

FATHER OF JUNIORS

Jack Olsen, the man who has kept junior football alive for as long as I can remember, has retired.

Jack has gone into the newspaper selling game, and only a clause in his contract prevents him from carrying on.

I am sure that I express the feelings of everyone connected with soccer when I say "We are sorry to see you go, Jack".

To you, Jack, I wish you the very best in yonr new venture and may you reap the things you so richly deserve.

TRANSFER FEE

The N.S.W. Club, Bankstown, just recently payed Gladerville £40 for their 19-year-old reserve goalkeeper.

No record on English standards I will admit, but it does at least show that soccer there is going ahead by "leaps and pounds".

SMILES

It was a toss-up who had the largest smile on Sunday. The girls who collected the £105 or Des Hamilton, whose club sponsors the Aussie side.

Jack Wilson was heard to say to Pat Clarke after his side had beaten Pat's 3-0: "Should have been 5-0, Pat." Pat's smile was very sick compared with the others.

TRANSFERS

Approximately 50 transfers have been granted to players by the Association this year — a drop of 20 from last season. Evidently the two weeks' wait is too much for some folk.

SUGGESTION

I would like to suggest to the organisers of the Saturday evening broadcast that they make a slight alteration in their programme.

It is obvious that results should be first part of the programme, and if these were read out a little slower it would be of greater benefit to us listeners.

NOT ENOUGH

S.A. Soccer Association put out for life an official who struck a referee.

—Continued on page 10

Learn with Len Young

Soccer Coaching

The sixth of a series of articles by the V.A.S.F.A. Official Coach.

CENTRE-HALF.—Last week I outlined very briefly some of the necessary functions expected from a player in goal or at full-back, and so it is now the turn of the centre-halves to come under scrutiny. Theirs is a position of some responsibility, performing as they do in the centre of the team, they become the pivot on which the team revolves, and, consequently, many of the strategical moves made in the game can be traced to their influence. Mainly, their duties are defensive, and they must not be drawn from the centre of the field unless, of course, the case is exceptional.

They should also spare time to see that their wing-halves and full-backs are working effectively together, and that the covering given to each other is working smoothly. Even so, their task is not ended; they have a very important function in attack, being ideally placed to pass to either flank and each of their 10 colleagues. Every No. 1 is of course the centre-forward opposing him, and this individual can make life very difficult indeed for the centre-half if he moves slightly away from the centre of the field, and, therefore, leaves the pivot with that worrying thought: "Should I go, or shall I stay at home?"

WING-HALF.—Of all positions perhaps that of the wing-half creates most controversy as to which are his most important duties — that of a defender, or an attacker!

Undoubtedly, they are the former, and although he must act in close liaison with his forwards, the means by which he should do so lies in "quick passes" rather than "taking" a ball to them. He must be fast with a swift, and sure, interception or tackle, and seeing that his contacts with both defence and attack are repeated so many times throughout a game His fitness should be beyond question. The opposing inside-forward is his chief source of worry, but often he finds himself chasing a winger who has eluded the full-back, or perhaps acting as centre-half when that worthy has been forced to leave his own position. The ability to really hit the ball hard from 25 yards to 30 yards is an asset, as a raid by his own forward often finds him given a ball this distance from the goal, and a surprise hard drive from this distance does occasionally beat a goalkeeper. The major percentage of throw-ins are his responsibility, and he should attempt to develop a long throw to be used occasionally as a big tactical advantage in the game.

CENTRE-FORWARD.—The man whom most clubs rely on for scoring goals is the next man on our list, and, of course, is the centre-forward. He is the player who usually heads the list of goal scorers and proportionately is also the man with the greatest number of misses. Therefore, of course, he must be able to shoot and head the ball with great power from all angles and, because many people do not realise the tremendous difficulty in being

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accurate with a moving ball, he must be able to take anguished cries from these same people, also his personal disappointment, in his stride, with an internal vow that next time won't be a "near miss". Probably he is the most closely marked man in the team, and so must learn to twist and turn at speed. Usually he receives a pass when facing his own goal, so must learn to appreciate the quick pass back to his inside-forwards and half-backs. By playing slightly off-centre, and continually moving, he can be a thorn in the side of any opposing defence, particularly the centre-half of course. He is a 100 per cent. attacker, and even when a team is struggling desperately in defence, their centre-forward must hold his position clear from them ready even for a "one-man" attack. The inside-forward and the wingers will be dealt with in next week's issue of the "Soccer News".

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Corner Kicks — Continued

We, here, gave a player two years for abusive language, damaging referee's property and striking a referee.

Why the difference? Surely no charge is more serious than ours, yet time and time again it happens to our referees.

Could someone tell me what you have to do to get the "boot"? Try the above on a member of the Police Force, and note the difference in penalties.

CONSTITUTION

On Monday, July 26, the Association will hold a meeting to draw up a new constitution.

Should have some interesting points, I'm told. Incidentally, if you have any matter at all to discuss with the Council, etc., make sure you use the right method.

Don't correspond with anyone but the Secretary, and don't get anyone not connected with your club to do it. It's a breach of ethics and could cause some embarrassment as well as the chances of being ignored.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

PRAHRAN

Today I saw Prahran defeat Footscray one goal to nil. Although only one goal was scored the game was full of thrills from start to finish.

The pitch was heavy going but Prahran settled well and played good football right from the start. Our only goal was well planned, coming from a nice pass by Hawkes to Petherick, who quickly found the net with his head.

Second half Footscray were trying very hard, but our defence proved too much for them, and they tired very quickly.

Our team this week had many changes, and it seems that at last there is better understanding between players. Davidson played nice football and I think he deserves special mention for his performance. It was in an attempt to stop our only goal that the Footscray goalie was injured. Prahran boys wish him a speedy recovery.

The juniors record this year proves that they are being well looked after by Geo. Gaitzar, who was our secretary last year, but now prefers the job of fostering the kids. Keep up the good work, Geo., your efforts are bearing fruit.—Geo. Stevens.

LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

The drawing of the Latrobe Valley Special Effort had to be delayed owing to the number of clubs not having returned their butts. The Secretary asks that all clubs still holding books of tickets, whether sold or not, to return them immediately as the draw cannot be made until this is done.

LIGHTS ON LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

In their League fixture, Morwell, with their regular team in action, avenged their "Shield" defeat by defeating the R.A.A.F. at East Sale in a thrilling game by the odd goal in three. Barring injuries the present leaders will take shifting off the top. Moe United, with a clear, convincing win over Yallourn, look the main danger. The Tigers, without Captain Joe Kennedy and 'Keeper Messery, battled out a game with Sale United, where many chances were missed on both sides, to a one-goal draw. Sale, without the services of the Ford brothers, of Bairnsdale, put up a good performance, and it is generally accepted that this combination club of ten different nationalities, are deserving of much better luck than they have had to date.

RESULTS — SATURDAY, JULY 3

R.A.A.F. (1) v. Morwell (2). Tigers (1) v. Sale United (1). Moe United (4) v. Yallourn (nil). Owing to the race meeting at Moe, this game was played at Yallourn.

LEAGUE TABLE
AS AT MONDAY, JULY 5.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Morwell	10	9	0	1	21	7	18	R.A.A.F.	10	2	3	5	15	20	7
Moe United	10	6	2	2	34	10	14	Yallourn	10	3	0	7	15	27	6
A.P.M.	10	5	2	3	20	15	12	Sale United	11	1	1	9	15	33	3
Tigers	11	4	4	3	15	20	12								

Games for Saturday, July 10: A.P.M. v. Morwell; Moe United v. Tigers; Sale United v. R.A.A.F. Yallourn bye.

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JUNIOR SECTION

The following boys were chosen to train for the State Under 14 team: Scott, Pritchard, Duggan, Davies, Foster, Chalmers (Brighton), Murray, Seedy, Gillies, Prior, Cetonia (Prahran), Corner, Stevenson (Park Rangers), Farrell, Hughes (Fairfield), Newman, Bornstein (Hakoah), Hucko (Preston), Pollock (Sunshine City), Bedford (Box Hill), Doggett (I.C.I.), Dobb (Moorabbin), Magee (South Melbourne United). The State team will be selected from these boys at a later date.

The Under 15 trials are now under way and the squad selected will be named next week. Fourteen boys have already been told to appear again.

To all junior players this is of vital importance to you. During the summer a Summer School for Players will be started. Mr. Len Young, the Association coach, will be running it. This applies to both senior and junior players. Application forms will be sent to all registered players to apply. The course will be one night per week between five and eight, and tactics, laws and fitness will be taught. My advice to all juniors — be in it. Any boy interested in the game of soccer will benfiet from this. However, more of this will be published later.

A word about the throw-in. Apart from the fact the feet shall be kept on the ground, the feet should be behind the line. Most players in this State forget this fact mainly because the referees don't pull them up. Still, the referees' eyes cannot be everywhere. It is generally left to the linesman. So, club linesmen, watch those feet and wave your flag if the player steps over the line. Players, practice the throw-in standing a yard back from the line.

We are still getting reports of players arguing with the referee, even in the Under 14 teams. One of South Melbourne's players under 14 was guilty. Again, boys, don't argue with the referee or one day you will find yourself in real trouble. Remember, you, as a player, make mistakes and the referee is only a human being like yourself. Certainly he makes mistakes, but that's just your misfortune; it's all in the game.

Box Hill "B" team now have a full-time manager, so perhaps we shall see them improve.—Denis Chambers.

SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION

At the General Meeting, held last Wednesday, the resignation of the Junior Association Secretary was received. Your Secretary has now taken over a new business and time will not now permit him to do the task he has executed in the past on your behalf.

RESULTS

Certain clubs have again become very lax in the phoning of results through to the official receiver of results, Mr. Wilshaw, and several notices of fines have been sent to certain clubs. Your league tables published in this issue may not be accurate through this, and also, this week, it was impossible to secure results of some matches owing to the official receiver of results being in ill-health. To avoid this occurring again, clubs are to also phone their results to the Secretary (LB 1444), who usually makes up the league tables for publication in this paper. Results still required for inclusion in league tables are:—

Under 20.—Juventus v. Polonia (June 12). Juventus v. Sunshine City (June 19).

Under 17.—Prahran v. Pascoe Vale (July 3). I.C.I. (Deer Park) v. Sunshine United (July 3). Moorabbin "A" v. Box Hill (July 3). Sunshine City v. Moorabbin "B" (July 3).

Under 15.—I.C.I. (Deer Park) v. Park Rangers (May 29). Essendon "A" v. Park Rangers (June 19). Park Rangers v. Brighton (June 26). Moorabbin City v. I.C.I. (Deer Park), (July 3).

Under 14.—Box Hill "B" v. Park Rangers (April 24). Brighton "B" v. Prahran (June 12). South Melbourne United v. Box Hill "B" (June 12). Box Hill "A" v. Sunshine City (June 19). Box Hill "A" v. Box Hill "B" (June 26). Brighton "B" v. Sunshine City (July 3). Box Hill "B" v. Brighton "A" (July 3). Park Rangers v. Box Hill "A" (July 3). Prahran v. Williamstown (July 3).

—J. A. OLSEN, Secretary.

PRESTON

The club now has a group of boys in the Under 17's and have been fortunate in obtaining the services of a very good junior manager to look after them. Tommie Drinkwater, down from N.S.W., is very keen to keep these boys together for next season. Thanks, Tommie, we certainly need more men like you in soccer, who realise the true value of fostering this branch of the game.

Sunday, June 27, we were obliged to Pascoe Vale for accommodating us in this sphere with a friendly game. Played in true spirit, the boys put on a really good show, considering it was their first game together. Outstanding among these new boys to soccer was G. Gorman, who we think has a bright future in the game.

On Saturday St. Kilda gave us another "friendly" and defeated us 5-3. This is no disgrace as the boys certainly fought a grand battle against a team who showed far more cohesion.

The best player again was G. Gorman; other notable players were R. Rattray-Wood, E. Kerr, P. Siles. Goalkeeper McDonald is also showing to the good. If any team could help us, "in the Under 17 group", with friendly games, it would be a great asset in aiding us to keep these boys together as a team for next season. Thanks, chaps, I know you will rally to our aid.

—H. Batterham.

ESSENDON UNDER 15

On July 3 Essendon played Preston at home. This game was played in a friendly spirit and was probably one of the cleanest junior games this season. Preston, with the advantages of the ground and wind, dominated in the first half; Essendon's defence held strongly, however, and they were able to score. Clarke, playing his first game for Essendon, broke away downfield and, despite a superb attempt by the Preston defender, sent the ball to Tregear, who made no mistake in scoring.

In the second half Essendon were dominant, but neither side managed to score. Final score was Essendon 1, Preston nil.

The seconds team, playing away to Sunshine City, were defeated 7-2.

—M. Robinson.

SATURDAY, JULY 17
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RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, JULY 5.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Polonia	11	9	0	2	28	7	18
Juventus	12	9	0	3	37	14	18
South Yarra	12	8	1	3	29	19	17
Box Hill	12	6	2	4	22	21	14
Brighton	12	5	3	4	26	19	13
J.U.S.T.	12	4	2	6	22	29	10
Footscray City	11	4	1	6	28	27	9
Hakoah	11	3	3	5	20	37	9
Moreland	12	1	2	9	20	38	4
Prahran	11	1	2	8	22	40	4

Prahran v. Footscray City result not telephoned.

SECOND DIVISION

George Cross	12	10	1	1	39	7	21
South Melb. United	12	8	2	2	38	16	18
Sunshine City	12	8	1	3	42	11	17
Geelong	12	7	1	4	17	11	15
Park Rangers	12	6	3	3	18	16	15
Yallourn	12	5	3	4	22	19	13
Preston	12	3	3	6	18	25	9
Sunshine United	12	2	4	6	16	40	8
White Eagles	12	0	2	10	9	32	2
Maccabi	12	1	0	11	8	65	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Hellenic	13	11	0	2	47	12	22
Astor	13	11	0	2	52	12	22
Williamstown	13	9	1	3	42	20	19
Slavia	12	9	0	3	39	17	18
Dandenong	12	8	0	4	38	17	16
Sandringham City	13	6	1	6	36	26	13
Union Jack	13	3	0	10	21	52	6
Coburg	12	2	1	9	8	26	5
Moorabbin City	12	1	1	10	0	69	3
Fairfield	13	0	0	13	10	61	0

Slavia v. Moorabbin City result not telephoned.

FOURTH DIVISION

St. Albans	12	11	1	0	77	14	23
Bayswater	12	9	1	2	59	15	19
St. Kilda	12	8	0	4	21	12	16
Werribee	12	8	0	4	30	23	16
Wilhelmina	13	5	1	7	29	41	11
Maribyrnong	12	5	0	7	20	22	10
I.C.I.	13	4	1	8	13	32	9
Heidelberg	13	4	0	9	23	33	8
University	12	4	0	8	14	71	8
Nunawading	13	2	0	11	4	29	4

University v. Bayswater and St. Kilda v. Werribee — Results not telephoned.

Provisional League

AS AT MONDAY, JULY 5.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	6	5	0	1	29	9	10
B.W.R.	7	4	1	2	33	19	9
Brighton	7	4	0	3	17	20	8
Croatia	6	3	1	2	24	15	7
Box Hill	6	2	0	4	10	28	4
Ukraine	6	0	0	6	5	29	0

Box Hill v. Ukraine and Croatia v. South Yarra — Results not to hand.

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WORLD CUP (JULES RIMET)

Why can't soccer officials follow the cricket authorities by arranging tours several years in advance? Get out of the groove, and do something constructive for soccer, officials!

ENGLAND PUT OUT

English soccer received a blow last Saturday when Uruguay put them out of the World Cup. This is a further indication how much the standard of soccer in England has dropped in the last few years.

The other quarter-final on Saturday saw Austria go through to the semi-finals in a very high-scoring match which must have been a thriller. Twelve goals were scored.

Scores: Uruguay 4, England 2 (Basle); Austria 7, Switzerland 5 (Lausanne).

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LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, JULY 5.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	12	8	4	0	37	13	20
J.U.S.T.	11	8	2	1	36	19	18
Hakoah	11	8	1	2	43	22	17
Brighton	11	6	2	3	31	20	14
Polonia	11	4	4	3	21	15	12
Footscray City	11	5	0	6	25	34	10
Moreland	11	4	1	6	33	33	9
Prahran	12	3	1	8	18	33	7
Box Hill	12	2	0	10	24	49	4
South Yarra	12	1	1	10	17	48	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	12	9	2	1	39	17	20
Yallourn	12	7	4	1	27	9	18
Sunshine City	12	8	1	3	27	14	17
Park Rangers	12	8	1	3	38	25	17
Maccabi	12	6	1	5	34	34	13
South Melbourne	12	5	2	5	25	28	12
Geelong	12	3	3	6	17	24	9
Preston	12	3	2	7	15	18	8
Sunshine United	12	1	2	9	5	30	4
White Eagles	12	1	0	11	15	43	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	12	10	1	1	52	11	21
Hellenic	12	10	0	2	50	27	20
F.N.D.	12	9	1	2	38	19	19
Sandringham City	13	5	4	4	28	22	14
Dandenong	13	7	0	6	30	27	14
Moorabbin City	13	4	2	7	31	44	10
Williamstown	12	4	1	7	26	26	9
Coburg	13	2	4	7	16	46	8
Fairfield	13	1	4	8	11	32	6
Frankston	13	1	3	9	17	43	5

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maribyrnong	13	9	3	1	41	11	21
Wilhelmina	12	10	1	1	40	12	21
Ukrainia	13	9	2	2	41	13	20
Upper Yarra Dam	12	5	5	2	33	18	15
I.C.I.	13	6	2	5	34	25	14
Heidelberg	12	4	1	7	24	45	9
University	11	3	1	7	13	48	7
Nunawading	13	1	1	11	9	47	5
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JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, JULY 5.

UNDER 20 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	11	10	1	0	43	7	21
Footscray City	12	9	0	3	38	16	18
Juventus	10	7	1	2	39	8	15
Brighton	12	7	0	5	25	23	14
Polonia	10	6	1	3	33	16	13
Sunshine City	10	5	1	4	13	12	11
Hakoah	11	4	2	5	27	20	10
Pascoe Vale	12	4	0	8	21	39	8
Box Hill	12	3	2	7	19	38	8
Preston	11	2	0	9	12	51	4
Frankston	11	0	0	11	10	50	0

UNDER 17 DIVISION

Brighton	11	11	0	0	37	6	22
Sunshine City	11	8	1	2	29	10	17
St. Kilda	11	7	1	3	22	14	15
Prahran	10	5	2	3	37	20	12
Pascoe Vale	10	5	1	4	20	23	11
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	10	4	0	6	19	27	8
Box Hill	11	2	3	6	10	23	7
Moorabbin City "A"	12	2	2	8	24	36	6
Sunshine United	10	2	2	6	8	22	6
Moorabbin City "B"	9	0	0	9	0	30	0

UNDER 15 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	13	11	2	0	58	10	24
Preston	13	10	1	2	43	10	21
Box Hill	13	9	1	3	34	6	19
Essendon "A"	12	8	2	2	36	9	18
Sunshine City	12	7	1	4	41	20	15
Pascoe Vale	13	7	1	5	15	27	15
Brighton	12	5	0	7	13	61	10
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	11	4	0	7	3	36	8
Park Rangers	10	3	1	6	7	32	7
Moorabbin City	12	3	1	8	8	41	7
Essendon "B"	11	0	0	11	0	6	0

UNDER 14 DIVISION

Brighton "A"	12	12	0	0	46	2	24
Prahran	10	9	0	1	86	7	18
Moorabbin City	13	8	2	3	45	14	18
Box Hill "A"	10	8	0	2	56	12	16
Sunshine City	11	6	2	3	15	23	14
Brighton "B"	11	4	3	4	7	21	11
Hakoah	12	4	2	6	23	29	10
Park Rangers	10	4	1	5	15	40	9
South. Melb. United	12	3	0	9	26	44	6
Fairfield	13	2	0	11	8	110	4
Box Hill "B"	8	1	0	7	3	28	2
Williamstown	10	0	0	10	0	0	0

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Footscray	5	5	0	0	34	1	10
Preston	5	3	1	1	10	6	7
Box Hill	5	2	1	2	9	14	5
Swinburne	5	1	2	2	4	7	4
Collingwood	5	1	1	3	6	20	3
South Melbourne	5	0	1	4	3	18	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Caulfield	5	5	0	0	21	6	10
Oakleigh	5	4	0	1	33	10	8
Brighton	5	2	1	2	18	19	5
Sandringham	5	1	2	2	16	24	4
Richmond	5	0	2	3	7	15	2
Prahran	5	0	1	4	5	26	1

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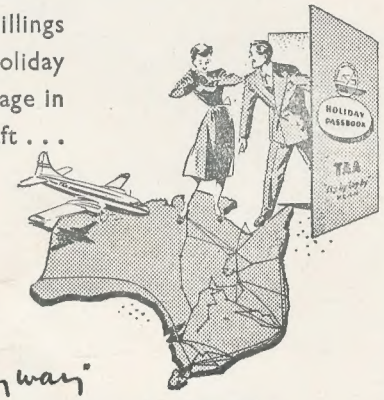

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